GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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WORLD BANK AIDED FORESTRY PROJECTS IN A.P.
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there has been lapses in the World Bank aided forestry project in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether several forest officials in the State have spent public money on developing private lands in violation of the World Bank norms for afforestation;

(c) is so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have since inquired into the matter;

(e) if so, the outcome of the inquiry indicating the amount of funds spent in violation of the norms and the area of land in various districts subjected to such afforestation; and

(f) the action taken against the persons held responsible for the said lapses alongwith the details of steps taken for proper utilization of the funds under the programmes for which these are sanctioned?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.